Requirement of Science Teachers and Laboratories

1252. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) [illegible] country possess adequate [illegible] science teachers and laboratories for the implementation of the Centre's Rs. 160 crores project for improving science education; and

(b) if not, whether adequate funds are likely to be made available to meet requirement of science teachers and laboratories ?

THE [illegible] DEPAR[illegible] CULTURE IN HUMAN RESO[illegible] (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Under the proposed Centrally sponsored scheme of Improvement of Science Education in schools, financial assistance would be given to the States/UTs for providing equipment to science laboratories in Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in accordance with the recommended standards, providing science kits to upper primary schools, upgrading libraries in secondary and higher secondary schools and for establishment of District Resource Centres for Science Education. Equipment assistance for laboratories would be available for those schools where basic facilities like teachers and laboratory rooms are available. Precise information regarding the deficiencies, if any, in the number of science teachers and laboratories would become available only after tabulation of the results of the Fifth All India Educational Survey is completed in June, 1988.

Central assistance to the states for Science Education

1253. DR. R. K. PODDAR :
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the new education policy the State Governments were asked to provide science teachers and laboratory rooms to qualify for receiving Central assistance under Rs. 160 crores Central project for improving science education in schools;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments are in a position to meet such huge expenditure on teachers, laboratories etc; and

(c) whether the Central Government have any plan to finance States on this score also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Government proposes to provide financial assist[illegible]e States/UTs under a Centrally [illegible] scheme for upgrading the existing facilities for science education in secondary and higher secondary schools. This assistance would be available for those schools where basic facilities like science teachers and laboratory rooms are available.

(b) and (c) The main objective of the scheme is to upgrade the existing infrastructure to the desired standard. Providing science teachers and laboratory rooms in the schools wherever science subjects are taught, is an established practice in the State Governments; and availability of basic facilities is being demanded under the scheme only to ensure optimum utilisation of the Central assistance provided. This may not involve significant additional financial responsibilities for the States, apart from some redistribution of their existing resources.

पाठ्यक्रम से सती की महिमा का बखान करने वाले "पद्मावत्" के अंशों का निकाला जाना

1254 **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :**
श्री रामचन्द्र विकल :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद ने दिवराला मे हुई सती की घटना के बाद अपनी पाठ्य पुस्तक "काव्य-सचय" भाग-2 से सती की महिमा का बखान